

removing the disposable tip, in such a position that the plunger can be brought into contact with the barrier means for detaching the barrier means from the end part of the suction device.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph and headings before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3:

--This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/FI00/00544 which has an International filing date of June 16, 2000, which designated the United States of America and was published in English.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13:

--Description of the Prior Art--

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 32:

--Summary of the Invention--

Please insert the following paragraph and heading after the paragraph ending on page 4, line 5:

--Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given

hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

Brief Description of the Drawings--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The invention is described in the following in detail with embodiments by referring to the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and in which--

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 14:

--Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments--

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method in a suction device, such as a mechanical pipette, comprising a body and an associated end part with an open distal end directed away from the body for removably attaching a disposable tip enclosing a sample space for receiving a liquid sample, the end part of the suction device enclosing a